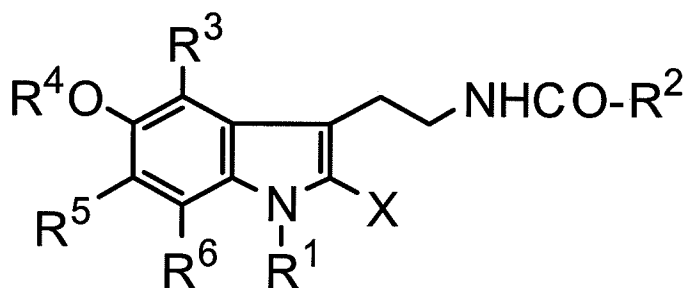


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

(1) – (3) (Cancelled)

(4) (**Currently Amended**) A compound represented by formula (I') or a salt thereof:



wherein X represents a halogen atom or a hydrogen atom; R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C₂₋₆ alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted C₂₋₆ alkynyl, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted acyl, substituted or unsubstituted arylsulfonyl, substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl, or hydroxyl; R² represents substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₂₁ alkyl; and R³, R⁵ and R⁶, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom, provided that, when X represents a hydrogen atom, ~~at least one of R³, R⁵ and R⁶~~ R³ represents a chlorine atom; and R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom or substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl

(excluding the compound represented by formula (I') wherein X represents a ~~bromine~~ halogen atom; R¹ represents a hydrogen atom; R² represents methyl or cyclopropyl; R³, R⁵ and R⁶ each represent a hydrogen atom; and R⁴ represents methyl; the compound represented by formula (I') wherein X and R⁵ each represent a ~~bromine~~ halogen atom; R¹ represents a hydrogen

atom; R² represents methyl; R³ and R⁶ each represent a hydrogen atom; and R⁴ represents methyl; the compound represented by formula (I') wherein X and R³ each represent a bromine atom; R¹ represents a hydrogen atom; R² represents methyl; R⁵ and R⁶ each represent a hydrogen atom; and R⁴ represents methyl; and the compound represented by formula (I') wherein X, R³, and R⁵ each represent a bromine atom; R¹ represents a hydrogen atom; R² represents methyl; R⁶ represents a hydrogen atom; and R⁴ represents methyl).

(5) (Original) The compound represented by formula (I') according to claim 4 or a salt thereof, wherein X represents a bromine atom; R¹ represents substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C₂₋₆ alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted C₂₋₆ alkynyl, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted acyl, substituted or unsubstituted arylsulfonyl, or substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl; R² represents methyl; R³, R⁵ and R⁶, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or a bromine atom; and R⁴ represents methyl.

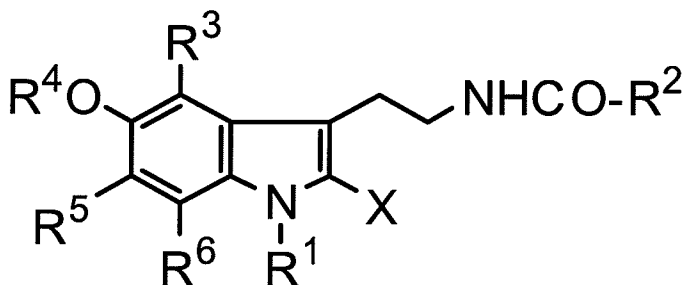
(6) (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising, as an active ingredient, the compound according to claim 4 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

(7) (Withdrawn) A method for treating or preventing osteoporosis comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.

(8) (Withdrawn) A method for activating an osteoblast comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.

(9) (Withdrawn) A method for suppressing an osteoclast comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.

(10) (Withdrawn) A method for treating or preventing osteoporosis comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound represented by formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein X represents a halogen atom; R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C₂₋₆ alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted C₂₋₆ alkynyl, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted acyl, substituted or unsubstituted arylsulfonyl, substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl, or hydroxyl; R² represents substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₂₁

alkyl; R^3 , R^5 , and R^6 , which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom; and R^4 represents a hydrogen atom or substituted or unsubstituted C_{1-6} alkyl, to a subject in need thereof.

(11) (Withdrawn) A method for activating an osteoblast comprising administering an effective amount of the compound represented by formula (I) defined in claim 10 or a salt thereof.

(12) (Withdrawn) A method for suppressing an osteoclast comprising administering an effective amount of the compound represented by formula (I) defined in claim 10 or a salt thereof.

(13) (New) The compound represented by formula (I') according to claim 4, wherein X, R^3 and R^5 each represent a halogen atom.

(14) (New) The compound represented by formula (I') according to claim 4, wherein X, R^3 and R^5 each represent a bromine atom.

(15) (New) The compound represented by formula (I') according to claim 4, wherein R^1 represents substituted or unsubstituted C_{1-6} alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_{2-6} alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_{2-6} alkynyl, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group,

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted acyl, substituted or unsubstituted arylsulfonyl, substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl, or hydroxyl.